

## Senate Resolution 124 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124

#### BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution to honor Senator John Patrick "Jack"  
2 Kibbie on his retirement from the Senate.

3 WHEREAS, known to all as Jack, John Patrick Kibbie  
4 is retiring from the Senate, over five decades after he  
5 first entered the Iowa General Assembly as a freshman  
6 Representative; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1960 John Fitzgerald Kennedy was elected  
8 President of the United States, and a young Palo Alto  
9 farmer and Korean War veteran, Jack Kibbie, was elected  
10 to the Iowa House of Representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, young Jack served four years in the House  
12 of Representatives and four years in the Senate before  
13 returning to the farm, and during that tenure was the  
14 chief architect of Iowa's community college system and  
15 floor manager of the bill to establish that system; and

16 WHEREAS, that service is today memorialized with  
17 the John P. "Jack" Kibbie Outstanding Service Award  
18 annually given to up to three Iowa Lakes Community  
19 College graduating students to acknowledge their  
20 leadership and contributions; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1989 Jack Kibbie returned to the  
22 Iowa Senate, and in 2008 he was elected to his  
23 seventh term, representing all or portions of Emmet,  
24 Humboldt, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, and Webster  
25 counties; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Kibbie has served on a wide  
27 variety of standing committees, recently including the  
28 Agriculture, Education, Ethics (Chair), Government

1 Oversight, Natural Resources and Environment, Rules and  
2 Administration (Vice Chair), Small Business, Economic  
3 Development and Tourism, State Government (Vice Chair),  
4 Transportation, and Veterans Affairs Committees, and  
5 the Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Kibbie has also served on a  
7 number of permanent statutory committees, including  
8 the Administrative Rules Review Committee, the Iowa  
9 Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and the Public  
10 Retirement Systems Committee (Co-Chair); and

11 WHEREAS, perhaps his greatest honor occurred  
12 when his Senate colleagues elected Senator Kibbie  
13 as the presiding officer of the Senate, serving as  
14 Co-President of the Senate in 2005 and 2006 and as  
15 President of the Senate from 2007 through 2012, making  
16 Senator Kibbie the longest serving President of the  
17 Senate; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Kibbie has been recognized for his  
19 long-time support for education in general and for  
20 his advocacy for community colleges in particular by  
21 the Iowa State Education Association; with a "Friend  
22 of RECs Award" from the Iowa Association of Electric  
23 Cooperatives; as a "Biodiesel Champion" by the Iowa  
24 Biodiesel Board; with appreciation for his support for  
25 the Iowa State University Community College Leadership  
26 Program; as a "Lifetime Champion of Renewable Fuels"  
27 by the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association; and for his  
28 support of "The Troopers Memorial Highways" by the  
29 Iowa State Patrol; and has received countless other  
30 accolades for his service, civility, and dedication in

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1 representing not only his district, but all Iowans; NOW  
2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors  
4 Senator John Patrick "Jack" Kibbie for a lifetime of  
5 public service, and wishes him and his wife Kay the  
6 very best in the years to come.